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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00176
Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Mr. Press:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated June 13, 2019, seeking all materials relied upon by DHS-OIG in preparation of Report No. OIG-19-46, including, but not limited to, photographs, interview notes, and electronic or paper communications; All responses from Department of Homeland Security agency components, including, but not limited to, ICE, CBP, and Immigrant Health Services Corps, regarding the recommendations in Report No. OIG-19-46. All follow-up communications from OIG to any DHS agency component or Congressional liaison based on Report No. OIG-19-46. All communications between OIG and subject-matter experts, including, but not limited to, public health officials. DHS-OIG received your request on June 13, 2019, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. Although DHS-OIG's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B).

Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when your request will be processed, as we currently have a large backlog of requests. If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

You have requested expedited processing of your request under the Department's standard permitting expedition for requests involving an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual. 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(1)(i). Based on the information provided, we have determined that

your request for expedited processing under this standard should be denied. Your letter fails to provide a detailed explanation for seeking expedited processing as required by Department regulations. 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(e)(3). You have not explained how access to the requested records would alleviate a specific threat to the life or physical safety of an individual.

In accordance with DHS regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(a), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25.00. You will be notified should fees exceed this amount.

To check the status of your FOIA request, contact us at 202-981-6100, foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov, or check status online at <http://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>. Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

Carlita Blocker
FOIA/PA Disclosure Specialist